This Great Clothing Sale Is attracting widespread attention. No wonder our store Fine Tailor-made Suits and Top thirty-three cents on the dollar, is the magnet that draws economical people. Come and get your suit today, Men's Suits. Men's Cassimere Suits....\$2.98 Men's excellent Worsted \$3.48 Men's Clay Diagonal Suits \$6.38 Men's Wide Wale Dress \$7.68 Men's Prince Albert \$10.50 Men's Silk-lined Vicuna Prince Albert Coat and \$13.50 Men's Furnishings. Big Cuts. Balance of 10c Linen Col-Handkerchiefs worth 10c..... 36 Embroidered Handkerchiefs 56 ADLER'S \$1.50 Kid Gloves.. 986 Sample Hats. Grand selection of Men's Sample Hats, in Derby and Fedoras —stylish shades including 980 Worth \$2,00

Top Coats.

Men's Spring Top Coats...\$3.98 Men's Stylish Oxford Top \$6.75 Men's Satin-lined Spring \$7.50

Men's Trousers.

Men's strong Working Pants. 750 3 shades \$1.98 Men's Cassimere Pants Men's Dress Pants \$1.62 Men's extra quality Dress \$2.35 (These are Worsteds in stripes

Children's Suits. Children's Suits—4 to 15 986 ears ... Extra quality Cassimere \$1.85

Children's spiendid Knee 250 Children's Corduroy Pants... 49c

H. FRIEDLANDER & BRO., Cor. 9th and E Sts.

FOR AN ISTHMIAN CANAL

black. Worth \$2.00.....

Americans in China Grow Elequent on the Subject.

Consul General Goodnow Explains How the Waterway Would Assist Trade With the Orient-Capt. G. A. Bicknell Declares That the Proposed Facility Is a Naval Necessity

American Association of China to consider the question of an Isthmian Canal, consisting of remarks and addresses by the Rev. F. L. Hawks Pott, president of the association; V. G. Lyman, secretary of the association; John Goodnow, United States Consul General; Capt. George A. Bicknell, United States Navy, and E. T. Williamse, translator Kiangnan Arsenal.

Consul General Goodnow was the princi-American Association of China to consid-

or Panama, as the engineers and diplomatists decide; that it should be constructed by the United States Government; and that the United States should acquire the land by the United States Government; and that the United States should acquire the land for, say fifty miles on either side of the route determined on, so that the canal would be constructed on our own soil. "I will not discuss the naval argument,

"I will not discuss the naval argument, though few will forget the long voyage of the Oregon last summer from San Francisco via Cape Horn to Cuba; and the object lesson it was to us all of how an isthmian canal would add greatly to the efficiency of our Navy. I would only call attention to the fact that such a canal is peace duties, except by the wide discrete ready to take them."

Captain Bicknell's Views.

Capt. G. A. Bicknell, U. S. N., spoke of the strategic nature of the canal. He said in part: "Our Navy is too small to fulfill attention to the fact that such a canal is

gain more than they would lose by it. The Effect on Trade.

will discuss for a few minutes the comparison of this preposed route with the present routes from New York to China; the products and sections of the United States particularly to be affected by the new route to China; the increasing market "Unjuckity for these states and sections of the United States particularly to be affected by the new route to China; the increasing market "Unjuckity for these states of peaceful study, or from their classic retreats of peaceful study.

leading lines as regards present routes and the proposed route. There are two trade routes now from New York to China. in figuring distances I have used Shanghai as representing China, as it does for all prac-

oceans must be crossed; the storm regions of the Atlantic, Indian, and Pacific Oceans must be traversed.

"By this route insurance must be high on account of the dangerous storms. Many kinds of cargo are affected by the long-continued heat. Few passengers take this trip. From New York to Shanghai via Suez is 12,360 miles for steamers. Sailing vessels do not take this route. The expense of towage is prohibitive, as not only must each vesel be towed through the Suez Canal, but also for more than 1,300 miles through the Red Sea, where the dangerous navigation makes sailing out of the question. This route lies from east to west along the hot latitudes. Especially hot is the passage through the Red Sea and the Indian Ocean. By this route the storms of the Mediterranean Sea and the Indian and Pacific oceans must be passed through. A most important objection to those routes lies in the fact that they can be easily closed to us in the time of war.

"In these days steamers imply coaling accelerated with the passed through the season of duty however reached its further of the time and distance which has never failed us, has been the Navy may soon be more important to the national defence. From present indications the Navy may soon be more important to the national defence than ever. Our Navy wishes the canal only as a quicker way to its various scenes of duty. Our little Navy hopes that in those scenes of duty however reached its furture may be worthy of its own past achievements."

Discouraging Whisky Sales.



this descrip-tion is the Bit-

these routes. For centuries that passage to the east has been the prize for which people have fought, and its possession has people have lought, and its possession has made cities and nations great. When Eng-land took it her by a line of fortified places, covering every strategic and important point. Until, or unless, some great rival England's naval tower wrests the con trol of these places from her, these two routes to the East are as much England's as is the route from London to Edinburgh. To be sure, England and America are the est of friends, but exigencies of war arise which would make it necessary to friend and foe alike out of this so-called

ieutral canal.
"It is called 'neutral' by international At the request of Senator Perkins of California there has been printed as a public document the proceedings of a meeting held under the auspices of the American Association of Ching to consider

Consul General Goodnow was the principal speaker. He said in part:
"I am firmly of the opinion that a canal should be constructed at either Nicaragua should be constructed at either Nicaragua fice. The same of the Sandwich Islands are the Sandwich Islands are the same of the same of the Sandwich Islands are the same of the same of the Sandwich Islands are the same of the same ace to our entire control over the canal.
The Bahamas are again shut off by Cuba.
It would seem that Providence has kept
the key points to the isthmus until we
were ready to take them."

most needed for all purposes at the time when its existence might be endangered it it was constructed on land owned by a feet ble country, which might be coerced by an enemy, and the canal thus closed to us.

an enemy, and the canal thus closed to us. If we need a canal for defence and as a part of our coast line, we need to absolutely control it by forts on our own territory at both ends of it. The control of the land would now only be a matter of price, and no price is too great to pay for safety to our commerce and to our own coast cities. "I will not attempt to discuss the effect of a canal regulating trans-continental rates by water competition on the great railway systems of our country, except to say that I believe that a canal opening up the markets of the world more freely to. the markets of the world more freely to the vicinity of its entrances. The patriour products would so stimulate production of the transportation systems would of the United States, which have been ample in the past, will provide easily for this

The Effect on Trade.

"Our subject for discussion is only as to the effect of an Isthmian Canal on the trade of the United States with China. I from their classic retreats of peaceful."

route to China; the increasing market here; our competitors; and very briefly the products of China now being taken by us.
"In the comparison of routes I will note us, that war is a real and an obstinately the three points most potent in the making of rates. It is also necessary to note the location of our principal competitors in

As a Naval Facility.

tical purposes, all the trade for central and second, Eurasia is opposed to our political northern China passing through this port.
By the Cape of Good Hope the distance
from New York to Shanghai by full-powered steam vessels is 14,340 nautical miles,
introduced by the control of the cont intervals of peace our country has enjoyed while sailing vessels must take from 16,010 to 16,240 nautical miles, according to the season of the year. By this route the Equator must be crossed twice; the whole Equator must be crossed twice; the whole breadth of the Indian Ocean, with the damp heat detrimental to cargo, crew, and passengers, must be crossed; the storm regions of the Atlantic, Indian, and Pacific States to which only and to no others do the Atlantic, Indian, and Pacific States to which only and to no others do the Atlantic States to which only and to no others do the Atlantic States to which only and to no others do the Atlantic States to which only and to no others do the Atlantic States to which only and to no others do the Atlantic States to which only and to no others do the Atlantic States to which only and to no others do the Atlantic States to which only and to no others do the Atlantic States to which only and to no others do the Atlantic States to which only and to no others do the Atlantic States to which only and to no others do the Atlantic States to which only and to no others do the Atlantic States to which only and to no others do the Atlantic States to which only and to no others do the Atlantic States to which only and to no others do the Atlantic States to which only and to no others do the Atlantic States to which only and to no others do the Atlantic States to which only and to no others do the Atlantic States to which only and to no others do the Atlantic States to which only and the Atlantic States to which on

Discouraging Whisky Sales.

COLUMBIA, S. C., March 23 .- Since the United States Supreme Court affirmed the right of citizens of this State to purchase which answers for "personal use" liquor in other States hundreds of packages of such liquor senthis description is the Bitters. It has cured the outgoing sense of such liquor sense terms. It has cured the outgoing sense of such liquor sense terms. It has cured the outgoing sense of such liquor sense terms. It has cured the officials, it being held that the payment of money to get the goods delivered was in effect purchasing the goods in this State, and so dld not come under the protecting clause of inter-State commerce. In this manner trade between points in Georgia, North Carolina, Kentucky Ohio, and Maryland has been discouraged and to a large extent broken up. "Hechts' Greater Stores."

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We're all ready for the usual Saturday rush!

and it surely should be greater tomorrow than it has been this season. The special sales in several departments of "just-now" needs will attract thousands. Everybody who wants it may have their purchases "charged" and may arrange the payments to suit their convenience.

These pants must go!

We're determined that we shall sell these heavy and medium weight pants NOW. So we've made three lots of the entire stock and reduced prices to less than a third. All good patterns—and good, well-made, perfect-fitting pants.

\$3.50

\$4.50 pants which sold up for pants which sold up for pants which sold up to \$7.50.

top coats and Suits

The same grades of Top Coats and Suits we have marked \$10 others are selling at \$12.50 which means a saving of a fourth and the privilege of picking from the greatest assortment in top coats, of Oxford mixtures and cassimeres, and plain black and blue cheviots, and the like. Just the same "money back." "Charged" if desired.

Foliv index.

Folly, indeed, to pay an exclusive tailor so much for clothing to order. We make clothes to measure—show you as many patterns as any tailor and ask you a third less.

Breaking all records in millinery selling.

Already indications point that this shall be the greatest millinery season yet. Preparations are greater—facilities are doubled-stocks and varieties were never before so large. Visitors tell us that our trimmed hats have a style individuality that is not noticeable in the hats to be seen elsewhere.

2 special lots trimmed hats.

Ladies' and misses' trimmed hats, in the greatest assortment—the season's newest shapes in turbans, toques, and large and medium size hats and bonnets, trimmed most stylishly with flowers, plumes, malines, chiffons, and laces; in these lots are all the new pastel shades, as well as black.

\$2.98

\$4.98

Two lots of flowers.

One large table filled to overflowing

Walking hats. Ladies' and misses' ready-to-wear gelf and walking hats, trimmed with new Persian handkerchief effect, wings, silk, and velvet; of Milan, plain, and rough Mackinaw and plain

and mixed straws of 790 to \$3.48 several sorts here at ...

Untrimmed hats. Ladies', misses', and children's untrimmed hats, in the most wanted shapes and colors in chip, Mackinaw, Neapolitan, and pla'n, and fancy straw, in black and all shades, instead of 98c will be sold during the opening 490 for

with sprays, lilacs, lilles of the valley, hyacinths, forget-me-nots, clover, cornflowers, roses, and foliage, which were bought to sell for 33c, will 210 be sold for

Another tableful of handsome flowers, embracing large bunches of handsome roses, with foliage, chrysanthemums, in all colors, pansies and feliage, bought to sell for 49c, will 290

Leading in suit and skirt selling.

Double the variety shown elsewhere—and a saving of no less than a third ver what others ask. And the privilege of having them "charged"-paying for

Venetians, homespuns,

and novelty fabrics, in black and all the leading shades, with all styles of jackets with box-pleated full-flare skirts; elegantly finished garments, with as much style to them as at double the price. You cannot possibly equal these suits elsewhere for less than \$15, for even

\$9.98 for fashionable sults of cheviot serges, lot serges, sults of cheviot serges, sergeskirts cheviet serges, broadcloths, Venetians, and the

like, in black and the most wanted shades; with jackets in all the most fashionable effects; with well-fitting box-pleated skirts. Some of these suits are lined through-out with taffeta slik and heavily appliqued; you may be able to buy equal stylishness elsewhere for stylishness elsewhere for \$25, but not for less. The assortment at this price is extraordinary; hence the choice is splendid.

-all-wool in a variety of colors—all new in cut— all well lined and bound

skirts which many

\$6.98 for broad-

quality of black broad-cloth, with the new sin-gle box pleat back, back and front app!iqued with braid and taffeta silk. Should be \$10.

Pay heed to this mothers

of patterns—the same as sell at 150 —w

Several hundred dozen Boys' Merrimac Percale Shirt Waists-assortment for Boys-with double seats and knees -which sell at 69c-will be sold 390

ed styles of same material and fancy buttons; also double-breasted suits of same material, in sizes 8 to 16 years; both sorts lined with serge lining; the regular value offered at \$3.50.

Infimmed with Silk braid worsteds, and cassineres, and near striped worsted, which are so very stylish; with single and double-breasted suits of same material, in sizes up to 16 years; suits such as sell for \$5.50 and more.

\$1.98 for boys' check Cheviot Vestie Suits, in sizes 3 to 8 years trimmed with slik braid; also double, breast, of the control braid; also double-breast- trimmed with silk braid worsteds, and cassimeres

49c for 75c shirts.

Three cases of men's and boys' French percale shirts, which have just arrived, will be sold these three days at considerably less than they are

75c for \$1.25 shirts.

A still finer lot of men's and boys' A still finer lot of men's and organization of the state of the state

25c for 50c neckwear.

We shall sell our men's 50c neck

12½c for 25c hosiery. Plain fast black, full regular

7 lots shoes at special prices. 79¢ for children's and misses' tan button and lace shoes—sizes 8 1-2 to 2—which sell at \$1.25 usually.

980 for ladies' toe heel shoes—made of very best vici kid—heavy extension soles—sizes 2 1-2 to 4 1-2—which sell at \$2 usually.

986 for little boys' very best satin calf and fine vici kid shoes—stout soles—no better shoes made—which sell at \$1.50 usually.

\$1.39 for youths' and boys' satin calf yiel kid and tan shoes every pair made of solid leather throughout -sizes 13 to 5 1-2-which sell at \$1.75 usually.

\$1.49 for ladies' exfords in tan and black vict kid—light or heavy soles—the three newest styles of toes—which sell at \$2 usually.

\$1.79 for men's shoes-made of very best satin calf black or tan viei kid, also tan Russia calf-a great value

\$2.50 for the choice of 16 new spring styles of shoes for men—in black and tan—viei kid—tan Russia calf—black wax calf and patent leather—a great value at \$3.

Special sale linens.

150 dozen Bleached and Unblea-Turkish Towels-18x44 inches-usually sold for 121-2c, for....

A Linen blaid Glass Toweling—usually sold for 10c a yd., for. 54 15 dozen good size, ready-made Silver Bleached Table Covers—dice $59^{\rm C}$ patterns—usually sold for 79c, for $59^{\rm C}$... 50

Dollar corsets, 75c.

Ten styles of corsets, each being all the leading makes—in long, short, and medium lengths—which sell at \$1—will be sold at 75c tomorrow.

Child's reefers, 98c. Children's reefers of cream Bedford

for 98c, instead of \$1.56. "Edna May" ties. 49c.

"Edna May" lustrees satin ties, with pretty tassel ends for 49c to-

Satin stock collars, 9c. Children's 25c hose, 10c.

Children's fast black ribbed hose

New veilings, 29c. Plain and fancy mesh veilings, with velvet and chenille dots—the 50c sort

HECHT & COMPANY, 513-515 Seventh St.

DEFAULTER'S BODY FOUND.

Mystery of Kelly H. Brinsfield's Dis-

appearance Solved at Last. ATLANTA, Ga., March 23 .- Death beat the strong arm of the law in the race for the person of Kelly H. Brinsfield, the bridegroom defaulter, who disappeared on December 29. His body was found yesterweather prevented its previous discovery. Brinsfield was bookkeeper for the At-ianta branch of the Manhattan Life Insur-

hiding in Canada. It is presumed that Brinsfield, knowing full well the exposure which threatened to break over his head, went to his home, drank a narcotic poison in his room, and then let himself through a trap-dor into a closet under the stairway in the hall. Once through the transpare support. way in the half. Once through the trans-som, he crawled under the beams support-ing the floor of the house until he reached the brick wall near the street. Then overcome with drowsiness brought on by the deadly drug, he lay down to sieep. In his overcoat pocket he carried a new pistol, presumably for use should the drug fall in its work. The weapon was loaded in every chamber when it was taken from his pocket this morning.

British Embassy's Year. his pocket this morning.

The body was found by a little kindling

little negro girl named Minnie Brogney.
Together they went back to the spot where
the body lay to make sure that the boy was not mistaken. Then they both ran out and informed the cook of their dis

The State Department has been notified ance Company and defaulted to the amount of \$7,000, which was not discovered until to-long after his disappearance. Until to-day's development he was supposed to be that Dayrell E. M. Crackanthrope has beca

FORERUNNER OF CONSUMPTION.



Few realize what a deep-seated, obstinate disease Catarrh is, regarding it as a simple inflammation of the nose and throat, little or no attention is given it. But, however insignificant it may seem at first, it is serious and far-reaching in its result.

The foul secretions entering the circulation poison the entire system. The stomach, kidneys—in fact all the organs—feel the effect of this catarrhal poison, and when the lungs are reached its progress is rapid and destructive, and finally ends in consumption. It frequently happens that the senses of hearing and smell are in part or entirely lost, the soft bones of the nose eaten into and destroyed, causing intense suffering and greatly disfiguring the face. While sprays,

washes and salves may give temporary relief, no permanent benefit can be expected from such treatment.

CATARRH IS A CONSTITUTIONAL OR BLOOD DISEASE,

and far beyond the reach of mere local remedies. Those who rely upon them for a cure lose valuable time, meet with disappointment and allow the disease to take firmer hold. Only a real blood remedy can reach this troublesome and dangerous disease.

S. S. S cures Catarrh because it first cleanses and builds up the blood, purifies it, makes it rich and healthy, stimulates and puts new life into the sluggish worn-out organs, and thus relieves the system of all poisonous accumulations.

Mrs. Josephine Polhill, of Due West, S. C., writes: "I had Cacarrh, which became so deep-seated that I was entirely deaf in one ear, and all inside of my nose, including part of the bone, sloughed off. When the disease had gone this far the physician gave me past incurable. I determined to try S. S. S. sa a last resort, and began to improve at once. It seemed to get at the seat of the disease, and after a few weeks' treatment I was entirely cured, and for more than seven years have had no sign of the disease." S. S. S. is made of roots, herbs and barks of wonderful tonical and purifying

properties. It is the only vegetable blood purifier known, and a certain and safe cure for all blood troubles. Send for our book on Blood and Skin Diseases, and at the same time write our physicians about your case. They will cheerfully give you any information or advice wanted. We make no charge for this. SWIFT SPECIFIC CO., ATLANTA, GA. Purker Budget & Co

An Ideal Boys' Outfitting Establishment.



Beyond the statement that our spring lines of Boys' and Children's Clothing, Hats, Shoes, and Furnishings are now complete it is hardly necessary for us to go-as this has long been known as the ideal establishment for the outfitting of youngster and youth. No matter what the mother's desire (if proper) in the matter of style and price we can meet it. Cheapness is correctly defined here, and in no instance do qualities reach beyond the limit of confidence or to the line of extravagance. This department, as well as the entire store, has grown and prospered altogether on, in Shakespeare's dictum, "Measure for measure."

We offer as a special for Saturday, five styles of sailor suits of pavy blue yacht flannel-all bandsomely trimmed in Soutache braid and made with sepa rate shields. Ages 3 to 10 years. \$3
Regular \$4 value at.........

One lot of vestee suits— a novelty in style and trimming—for ages 3 to 6 years—made to sell for \$6-a\$3.75

Boys' Furnishings, Hats, and Shoes.

Mother's Friend Percale Shirt Waists with or without collars-

Those that were 75c are....

We offer what we believe to be the best 50c Shirts, laundered-choicest

Boys' fine Fur Felt Fedoras in black pearl, cedar, and brown. The \$1.00 usual \$1.50 kind at.....

Boys' Veal Calf Shoes, uppers of Kangaroo Kid: built on the same shape lasts as our Men's Shoes; sizes 21-2 to 51-2-goods worth \$1.75 \$2.25 to go at

Parker, Bridget & Co., 9th and Penn. Ave. Head-to-foot Outfitters.

MARCUS NOTES' PRIVATE SALE

of the Hirsch Clothing and Furnishing Stocks

Creates Consternation

naturally enough, when the aphouncement came that he would sell all of the up-to-date stock of Men's Clothing and Furnishings of 716 Seventh Street northwest crowds followed.

Men's Clothing, etc., Never Sold for Less at Any Sale.

You name your own prices. Nothing that is anyway fair refused. You are

716 Seventh St. N. W.

MARCUS NOTES, Auctioneer.

Clerk of the District of Columbia, under the appropriation, 'Contingent and Miscellaneous Expenses, District of Columbia, 1899, settled by the Auditor for the State No. 13,406, exception was taken to the pay ment of the items for law books in District Audits Nos. 6938 and 7523, for the reason that the appropriation did not specifically morning murdered Ella Jones and her provide for law books, and that their purchase therefore seemed to be prohibited burned alive four smaller children by

his decision as follows: "The District of Columbia seems to me crime was committed six miles from o be clearly within the broad and compre- here near the village of Garner. hensive language of section 3 of the act

here near the village of Garner.

Laura Jones, the seven-year-old girl, who escaped, told of the visit to her home by Freacher Jones after 1 o'closk in the applicability of the laws of the United States to the District of Columbia, Congress provided:

"The Constitution and all laws of the United States, which are not locally inapplicable, shall have the same force and effect within the District as elsewhere within the United States.

"Under this provision all laws of the United States not locally inapplicable are in force in the District and apply to and govern it the same as if made specially applicable to it. Section 3 of the act of March 15, 1898, is only applicable to the District it must be by reason of something in its language which affirmatively excepts the District from its operation. There is no language in sald act which can be given such a construction. As the appropriation for 'Contingent Miscellaneous Expenses of the District of Co-

NO MONEY FOR LAW BOOKS.

omptroller Tracewell's Opinion Respecting the District's Purchase.

The Comptroller of the Currency in an pinion rendered by him says:

"Upon revision upon my own motion of the account of H. H. Darneille, Disubrsing leads to the District of Columbia, 1899," or other appropriation for that fiscal year for the District of Columbia and the fiscal year for the District of Columbia and the columbia and the provisions of section 3 of the act of March 15, 1898. The amount of the terms for law books in District Audits Nos. 6938 and 7523 allowed by the Auditor for the State and other departments in his settlement is therefore now disalin his settlement is therefore now disal-lowed."

A NEGRO PARSON'S CRIME.

and other departments per his certificate, Kills Mother and Daughter and RALEIGH, N. C., March 23 .- The Rev. Thomas Jones, a negro preacher, yesterday fourteen-year-old daughter, Ida, and y section 3 of the act of March 15, 1898." ting fire to the house in which the fam-After reviewing the question of going fly resided. Laura Jones, aged seven, ully into every detail of the laws pertain- and Sid Jones, aged four years, escaped ng thereto, Comptroller Tracewell gives from the burning building, thereby reducing the number of victims to six.

Laura Jones, the seven-year-old girl,